

Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheet, labeled in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet", is sheet 5/5 and includes Fig. 7 and 8. The attached sheet includes changes to both Figs. 7 and 8. Specifically, Figs. 7 and 8 have both been replaced with new figures. The attached Replacement Sheet replaces the corresponding sheet that was submitted in the filing dated 28 August 2006.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Remarks/Arguments

As of the Action, Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-11 and 13 stand rejected. Claim 12 is objected to. Claims 14, 15 and 17 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16 and 18-20 are allowed.

Applicant notes that the Claims, as amended, still include three independent claims (i.e., Claims 1, 13 and 16) and 20 total claims; and, as such, no excess claims fees are due.

Applicant submits that all Claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that, if this Amendment and Response is determined not to place the Application in condition for allowance, this Amendment and Response clearly places the Application in better form for appeal and, on that basis, it should be entered.

In view of the Claims as set forth above and the remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of this Application.

Restriction and Election. The Action states that claim 17 will be rejoined once the instant application is found to be allowable.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of such action.

Objection to the Drawings. The Action objects to the response filed 28 August 2006 (the "August Response") based on a finding of new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits new Figs. 7 and 8, which are directed respectfully to show the "feature of the invention specified in the claims", per 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant notes that the two features identified in the Action appear to be, respectfully, elements in Claims 10 and 11.

Applicant respectfully submits that the attached new Figs. 7 and 8 add no new matter. These Figures are fully supported by the disclosures of the Application as originally filed: (i) new

Fig. 7 being fully supported by paragraph [0042] of the Application, as published; and (ii) new Fig. 8 being fully supported by paragraph [0043] of the Application, as published.

Applicant notes that Fig. 7 both follows directly from its support in paragraph [0042] and shows the feature directed to "the actuator affecting the periodical motion of both the shaving head and the cutting member" (as recited in the Action), i.e., because the cutting member and shaving head are one unit as described paragraph [0042].

Applicant further notes that Fig. 8 both follows directly from its support in paragraph [0043] and shows the feature directed to "the first and second cutting members being effected by separate periodical motions" (as recited in the Action). In this new Fig. 8, the first and second cutting members are mounted on a carrier 25 and a "further carrier 25". These carriers 25 are the same as the carrier of the other Figures (though depicted in a cut-off form, due to the enlarged size showing the periodical motions).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objections.

Objection to Specification. The Action objects to the Specification, as amended in the August Response, as introducing new matter.

Applicant notes that the objection is not clear. However, toward eliminating the objection, Applicant has amended paragraph [0042]. As such, Applicant understands the objection to be moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections.

Rejection of Claims as to Enablement. The Action rejects Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Action rejects Claim 11, stating that the specification does not describe "how the cutting members (17 and 19)

are effected by separate periodical motions when both cutting member are attached to the same carrier member (25)."

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant submits that, in paragraph [0043] of the Application, as published, the specification describes "a further carrier adjacent to the carrier 25". Moreover, Applicant has amended Fig. 8 to show such further carrier 25.

The Action also asserts that "the figure still does not show how the second carrier...is attached to the shaving head to allow it to have cutting members with separate periodical motions."

Applicant respectfully traverses, as paragraph [0043] of the Application, as published, clearly provides the disclosure that the Action claims is absent (e.g., "three additional eccentric members", etc.).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection of Claims for Anticipation. The Action maintains its rejections of Claims 1, 9, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Balamuth et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,756,105 ("Balamuth").

Applicant maintains its position that the Action's anticipation rejections are improper and not supported. Applicant herewith re-asserts its remarks from the August Response (by reference).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Action's anticipation rejections of the dependent Claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims for Obviousness. The Action maintains its rejections of Claims 1-10, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaler, U.S. Patent No. 1,788,547 ("Shaler"), alone or in view of other references.

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Applicant maintains its position that the Action's obviousness rejections are improper and not supported. Applicant herewith re-asserts its remarks from the August Response (by reference).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Action's obviousness rejections of the dependent Claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowed Claims. The Action indicates that Claims 16 and 18-29 are allowed and that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten. Applicant appreciates the effort taken to examine these allowed claims.

However, Applicant respectfully declines to rewrite Claim 12, at this time, in view of the above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that, in view of the foregoing remarks and/or amendments, the Application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action.

Generally, in this Amendment and Response, Applicant has not raised all possible grounds for (a) traversing the rejections of the Action or (b) patentably distinguishing the new Claims (i.e., over the Cited References or otherwise). Applicant, however, reserves the right to explicate and expand on any ground already raised and/or to raise other grounds for traversing and/or for distinguishing, including, without limitation, by explaining and/or distinguishing the subject matter of the Application and/or any cited reference at a later time (e.g., in the event that this Application does not proceed to issue with the Claims as herein amended, or in the context of a continuing application). Applicant submits that nothing herein is, or should be deemed to be, a disclaimer of any rights, acquiescence in any rejection, or a waiver of any arguments that

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might have been raised but were not raised herein, or otherwise in the prosecution of this Application, whether as to the original Claims or as to any of the new Claims, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce one or more of the original Claims in original form or otherwise so as to claim the subject matter of those Claims, both/either at a later time in prosecuting this Application or in the context of a continuing application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (including extension fees), additional fees, or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1001; provided, however, that such fees, underpayments or overpayments must arise solely in connection with this Amendment and Response. Otherwise, the Commissioner should review and follow any authorization previously given by Applicant to charge certain such fees and credit certain such overpayments to the Applicant's separate Deposit Account (No. 14-1270).

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